

PARISH LIFE

Our Vision: *Transforming lives through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Our Mission: *To share Christ’s love and His Word with our community and the world through Christ-centered outreach, worship, prayer, and biblical study.*

1) The Future Church Conference is Friday, May 2-3 at The Chapel at Crosspoint.

Register on line at <https://www.thetheologyproject.com/future-church-conference>

2) The COMPASS CARE Walk for Life: Anyone wanting more information can A) See Joshua Jackson or Dn. Gary Wisniewski OR B) go to the Compass Care website: CompassCareWalk.com You can write a check to **Compass Care with WALK FOR LIFE in the memo** and add it to the offering basket. **Please join us for the walk from St. Bartholomew’s Saturday, May 3rd at 10am!**

3) The play, Pilgrim’s Progress, presented by the students of Rivendell, will be **Friday, May 2nd at 7pm and Saturday, May 3rd at 1pm.** Doors open ½ hour before. FREE tickets are available at pilgrimstickets@gmail.com or see Kate Hillestad.

4) Confirmation Weekend: Will be on May 17-18, 2025. Bishop Adam Andudu will preside at the Saturday confirmation service at 4:30pm and it will be followed by a covered dish dinner. We will provide the beverages, pizza and a celebratory cake. We will have a “soft” 70th anniversary celebration, with a “formal” celebration on our actual founding anniversary date of November 16th! Bishop Andudu will also confirm eligible Sudanese members at their Sunday service.

5) Volunteers are needed to help maintain the landscaping around the church property. If you would like to water plants or do some light weeding or even assist with maintenance projects, please contact Joshua Jackson.

6) Celebrate America with St. Bart’s and **The BPO in Kleinhan’s Music Hall, Friday, May 23rd.** Coffee and donut hour, included in the ticket price of \$30 per person, is at 9am, followed by the Patriotic Pops Concert at 10:30am. Sign up in the Fr. Amend Hall. See Brenda Wisz for more information.

7) Sleep in Heavenly Peace - As of April 12, 5,544 beds have been delivered. The more beds that are delivered the more beds need to be built. If interested in volunteering to build beds, Bunks Across Buffalo will be held **May 31** in the Eastern Hills parking lot. Additional information will be provided soon.

SICK LIST- FRIENDS & FAMILY:

1 Christen Rae Newman, Mary Tobin, Charlene Walker, Mark Doran, Jackie Maher, Debbie Traugott, Ginger Hobart, Brian Hummel, David Werley, Erin S., Rachael Mann

2 Annette Hammond, Renee P., Cathryn Dravis, Donna Frey, Maddox Campbell, Luke Davis, Mary Clarke, Audrey Grant, Adam & Dylan Wisniewski, Nehemiah K.

3 Sheila Biles, Heather Lankes, Chrissy Vantrease, Debra Sereno, Mariana Floro, Anita Orton, Scott Smolen, Kaitlyn Sotka, Edna Barone, Ken Krieger, Mark Hunter, Ken Miller, Norma Waggoner, Rae Weller, Ellsworth Downs, Vonnie Askins

4 John Ruch, Mathew Frain, Rosemond Ruhland, Janet Ballaro, Tim Herrmann, Scott Seifert, Nancy DiNicola, Peter Garbarini

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY: James Kerins– Army, Sean MacLeay-Navy, Matthew Miller– Army, Matthew Prohaska– Air Force, Andrew Rebl– Army

If you would like an Assisted Hearing Device to use during the service please see an Usher.

Please have someone notify the Church Office if you are or will be hospitalized so one of our clergy may visit with you.

Welcome Visitors!

It is our joy to have you worshipping with us today. At St. Bartholomew's we are on mission to see lives gloriously transformed through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. If this is your first time at an Anglican service we want to help you become better acquainted with who we are and what you will experience today.

Our Background

St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church was founded in 1955 not far from our current location. We are members of the Anglican Communion which has its roots in the Church of England and includes over 80 million members worldwide. Although formally established in the 16th Century during the Protestant Reformation our beliefs and worship have remained the same since the days of the early church. It might be helpful to think of Anglicanism as a "middle way" between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism. Today, St. Bart's continues its mission to our community. Even if you are not a member, we encourage all people to join us for our weekly services and bible studies, volunteer opportunities and outreach events.

The Liturgy

Anglican worship is defined by two commitments: 1) the authority of Holy Scriptures (the Word of God) and 2) the Sacraments (Holy Communion and Holy Baptism). Together Word and Sacrament point us to Jesus Christ and, in doing so, work to shape us into a faithful Christ-centered community. The way we express this worship is known as the Liturgy (our order of service). Far from empty ritualism, Anglican worship involves the active participation of the whole person: our mind, body, and spirit. Everything you see and experience in today's service — the prayers, the symbols, and the actions — all invite us to share in the good news of God's salvation. The reading and teaching of the Holy Scriptures (the Ministry of the Word) prepare us for the culmination of our service, which is the receiving of Holy Communion (also referred to as "the Lord's Supper").

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion with us today. If you would like to receive it but are not able to come forward, please tell an usher. The priest would be happy to bring communion to your pew. If you are not baptized, or would prefer not to receive the sacrament, we warmly invite you to still come forward and receive a blessing. You may indicate this to the priest by crossing your arms across your chest. As our valued guest your only obligation in today's service is to keep your heart open to receive what God may desire to do in you!

Further Questions?

If you have any other questions, be sure to ask an usher, or even the friendly people around you! After the service, we invite you to meet with Fr. Ward.

St. Bartholomew’s Anglican Church

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Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 26, 2025 4:30pm HE

Sunday, April 27, 2025 8 & 10am HE

Introit

“Psalm 150”

Sacring Bell

All stand when the bell rings.

Processional Hymn: “To God be the Glory”

Opening Sentences (Pr.Bk.p 146)

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect for Purity: (Pr.Bk.p. 124) Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Summary of the Law (Pr.Bk.p. 124)

Second Sunday of Easter: (Pr.Bk.p. 612) Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ’s Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 5:12, 17-22, 25-29: **At the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon’s portico. But the high priest rose up, along with all his associates (that is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy. They laid hands on the apostles and put them in a public jail. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the gates of the prison, and taking them out he said, “Go, stand and speak to the people in the temple the whole message of this Life.” Upon hearing this, they entered into the temple about daybreak and began to teach. Now when the high priest and his associates came, they called the Council**

together, even all the Senate of the sons of Israel, and sent orders to the prison house for them to be brought. But the officers who came did not find them in the prison: and they returned and reported back, But someone came and reported to them, “The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!” Then the captain went along with the officers and proceeded to bring them back without violence (for they were afraid of the people, that they might be stoned). When they had brought them, they stood them before the Council. The high priest questioned them, saying, “We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.”

Psalm 111 *Confitebor tibi (Pr.Bk.pp. 419-420)*

- 1 Praise the Lord. I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, and among the congregation.
- 2 *The works of the Lord are great, sought out by all who have pleasure in them.*
- 3 His work is worthy to be praised and held in honor, and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 *He has made his marvelous works to be had in remembrance; The Lord is gracious and merciful.*
- 5 He has given food to those who fear him; he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.
- 6 *He has shown his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the nations*
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; all his commandments are true.
- 8 *They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and equity.*
- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for ever; holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who live accordingly; his praise endures for ever.*

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:9-19: I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet, saying, “Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.” Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching

to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength. When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things.

Special Music “Love the Lord Your God” Cherub Choir

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31: So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained.” But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples were saying to him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.” After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then He said to Thomas, “Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing.” Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.” Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

Hymn “Because He Lives”

The Sermon Fr. Bush

Nicene Creed, Prayers of the People, Confession Pr.Bk.pp. 127-130

Offertory “You’ve Already Won”

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving Pr.Bk.p. 132

Communion Hymn “O Praise the Name”
“Only in God”

Thanksgiving and Priest’s Blessing

Closing “Mighty to Save”

The Dismissal LEADER: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE FLOWERS are given to the greater glory of God and in loving memory of David C. Brinkerhoff from Dad and Ruth.

THE CANDLE burns to the Glory of the Real Presence of God in the Aumbry and in loving memory of Maxine Gilbert, from her daughter, Susan Horvath, and family, on the one-year anniversary of her passing.

THE CALENDAR

Sun.	4/27	8 & 10am HE	10am Sunday School
		11:30am Cherub Choir	12pm New Members Class
Tue.	4/29	6:30pm Men’s Disc.	
Wed.	4/30	9:30am HE	10:30am Ladies Bible Study 6pm Youth Group
Thur.	5/1	6:30pm Cont. Music	
Fri.	5/2	7pm Rivendell: Pilgrim’s Progress- ALL ARE INVITED	
Sat.	5/3	CompassCare Walk 10am-12noon 10:30 - Confirmation	
		1pm Rivendell: Pilgrim’s Progress- ALL ARE INVITED	4:30pm HE
		****FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND****	
Sun.	5/4	8 & 10am HE	10am Sunday School
		11:30am Cherub Choir	12pm New Members Class

SICK MEMBERS (SHUT-INS ITALICIZED): Russell Ballaro, Dorothy Bamberg, Joan Bella, George & Carol Brock, Dini Brown, MJ Brzezckowski, John Calabrese, Joan Calamita, Richard Carter, Lynn Chabriele, Wanda Cosentino, Fay Crane-Preda, Tom Crane, Pam Fish, Muriel Forte, Kenny George, Steve Gradzewicz, Lauri-Anne Hammond, Craig Heer, Dick Herrmann, Rick Herrmann, Lee Hilliker, Marcia Hutt, Danielle Hyland, Ken Johnson, Karen Kopper, Carol Krieger, Jeremy Kyser, Sarah McGowan, Debbie McGuire, Frank Mure, Peter Passino, Jackie Petrillo, Jon Prohaska, Marie Prout, Florence Purchase, Frank Rojek, Patricia Schreier, Jan Smalter, Bob Tackaberry, Sharon Tarapata, Susan & Ross Tobin, Edward Woeppel, Brittany Wilkowski

OUR LEADERSHIP AND STAFF

The Rt. Rev. Alan Hawkins, Bishop, Diocese of Christ Our Hope

The Very Rev. Arthur W. Ward, Jr., Rector

Fr. Jacob Bush, Associate Rector

Dn. Gary Wisniewski, Dn. John Reitz

Dn. James Kibby, Facility & Media Operations, Music Ministry

Mrs. Elizabeth Burkett: Director of Children’s & Youth Ministries

Karen Wheaton, Cathy Reitz, Debbie Geis, Tammy Krull: Secretaries